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SUBJECT: CHIANG CHING AND MAO'S "YENAN TALKS"

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1. THE ABSENCE OF ANY MENTION OF CHIANG CHING IN CHINESE MEDIA ON THE MAY 23 ANNIVERSARY OF MAO'S "YENAN TALKS," IN CONTRAST TO HER HEADLINE-RECEIVING PERFORMANCE LAST YEAR, REFLECTS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 1974'S ACTIVIST POLITICAL MOVEMENT STRESSING REVOLUTION AND THIS YEAR'S QUITE DIFFERENT EMPHASIS ON UNITY AND STABILITY. IN ADDITION, LAST YEAR WAS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MADAME MAO'S POLITICAL DEBUT AND THAT OCCASIONED ATTENTION TO HER.

2. THE MAIN SIGNIFICANCE OF HER PRESENT LOW PROFILE, HOWEVER, IS THAT AS LAST YEAR'S POLITICAL MOVEMENT SOURED SO DID THE POLITICAL FORTUNES OF CHIANG CHING, ONE OF ITS LEADERS. THIS WAS BORN OUT BY HER FAILURE TO

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GAIN A POSITION AT THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS IN

JANUARY AND HER LOW PROFILE SINCE THEN. (SHE WAS
ABSENT ON WOMEN'S DAY IN MARCH, AND ALSO FAILED TO
APPEAR ON MAY DAY.) HER ABSENCE AT THE ANNIVERSARY OF
MAO'S "YENAN TALKS" IS THE LATEST IN THIS SERIES OF
INDICATIONS THAT HER POLITICAL STOCK IS WAY DOWN.
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